(f) and (g) The earlier and revised prices of Dexamethasone are given below:—

Name of the bulk drug	Earlier price (Rs./gm.)	Revised price (Rs./gm.)
Dexamethasone Pure	92·00	135·33
Dexamethasone Phosphate	97·00	132·95

(h) and (i) M/s. Merind has taken the stay order from Bombay High Court against the Government's order regarding price fixation of Dexamethasone based formulations.

Drugs Prices Review Committee

669. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1665 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 12th September, 1991 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that DPRC has worked out and also taken *suo moto* increase in prices of formulations of bulk drugs, prices of which were revised in August/September, 1991;

(b) if so, the names of formulations for which prices have been recommended;

(c) what was the earlier price of each and what is the revised price and what is the percentage of increase;

(d) whether it is a fact that committee has still to reduce *suo moto* the prices of formulations based on bulk drug prices which were reduced in 1990 and in 1991;

(e) what are the names of drugs, when the price of each was reduced and to what extent and what steps have been taken to fix responsibility; and

(f) what are the reasons and what is the system of picking drugs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (c) Sir, prices of certain ceiling packs of formulations based on such bulk drugs whose prices have been revised upwards due to Exchange Rate adjustment, have been notified on suo-moto basis to allow for the increase in input costs. The number of such packs is around 85. Details of prices have been notified in the Extra-ordinary Officials Gazette, copies of which are available in the Parliament Library.

(d) to (f) There are eleven Scheduled bulk drugs whose prices have been reduced during this year. Before Government could notify the prices of ceiling packs of connected formulations on reduced prices of bulk drugs, there was change in Exchange rate of rupee against major foreign currencies. As a result, prices of mine out of these eleven bulk-drugs have been revised upwards. In four cases, the revised price is even more than the pre-revised price. A Statement indicating the names of eleven bulk drugs, their pre-reduced prices, reduced prices and present prices with date, is annexed. (See below). The exercise to notify the prices of ceiling packs of formulations where the bulk drug price is still les than the pre-reduced price is on hand.

Statement

Sl.No.	Name of Drug	Price/Kg, (Rs.) After revision (Rs.) Kg,	Before revision (Rs.) Kg.	Present Price (Rs.) Kg.
1	Phenytoin Sodium	236·00 (23-1-1991)	261·06 (26-8-1976)	236·00 (23-1-1991)
2	Metronidazole	428·00 (1-2-1991)	482·00 (9-9-1988)	475·00 (14-6-1991)
3	Metronidazole Benzoate	380·00 (1-2-1991)	511·00 (25-1-1985)	456·00 (1 4-8-1991)
4	Ibuprofen	450·00 (1-2-1991)	502·00 (27-6-1989)	521·00 (30-8-1991)
5	Amoxycillin Trihydrate	2093·00 (11-2-1991)	2660·00 (21-3-1989)	2649·00 (14-10-1991)
6	Analgin	251·00 (26-2-1991)	280·00 (1-6-1990)	296·00 (25-9-1991)
7	Sulphacetamide	350·00 (7-3-1991)	352·00 (20-6-1989)	350·00 (7-3-1991)
8	Sulphamethoxazole	340·00 (7-3-1991)	390·00 (20-6-1990)	351·00 (25-9-1991)
9	Methyldopa	1967·00 (7-3-1991)	2148·00 (20-1-1986)	2434·00 (30-8-1991)
10	Isoxuprine	6401·00 (7-3-1991)	8997·00 (14-9-1984)	7442·00 (1-11-1991)
11	Sulphamoxole	399·00 (3-6-1991)	430·00 (11-10-1981)	466·00 (30-8-1991)

Liabilities of Drug Companies

670. SHRI R. S. NAIK:
SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to the Unstarred Question 1655 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 12th Sepember, 1991 and state:

(a) what are the details of liabilities of each company involved in the court case as assessed upto 31st October, 1991 and what are the amounts deposited by each into the DPEA so far;

(b) whether it is a fact that there are hinderances in the recovery of amount assessed in each case;

(c) if so, what are the details of the same and what steps have been taken to remove the hinderances;

(d) whether it is a fact that Government have still to assess the amount on certain drugs involved in court case;

(e) if so, names of the drugs, period for which assessment is to be done and reasons for delay;

(f) whether it is also a fact that Government have not started assessment in respect of Xylocaine formulations; and